



THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This past Friday, our Notre Dame Academy community gathered for a special celebration during our New Year's Mass, marking the 50th anniversary of our Junior Service Program. It was a beautiful and inspiring liturgy, made even more meaningful by the presence of so many individuals who have contributed to the program's success over the years. From past administrators to former program leaders, each guest represented a legacy of servant leadership rooted in the mission of the Sisters of Notre Dame.

For five decades, the Junior Service Program has empowered our students to live out the Gospel call to serve others, making a tangible difference in our community. Reflecting on this milestone reminded us how the program embodies the spirit of God's goodness and provident care and how it continues to inspire our students to serve with compassion and purpose.

Looking ahead, we are excited to celebrate Catholic Schools Week from January 26 through February 1. This week is always a highlight at NDA, and our Student Council has planned a variety of activities to celebrate the many blessings of Catholic education. Highlights include a Mass and reception with the Sisters of Notre Dame, Generations Day, Pajama Day, and our newly rebranded talent show, PaNDA's Got Talent.

Throughout this edition of the Panda Press Weekly, you'll find numerous examples of how our students are excelling in various areas. Teaching students to honor God by developing and sharing their gifts is a hallmark of an NDA education and a value we strive to instill in every student. We are truly blessed to have students who work so hard to use their God-given talents to make a difference in the world.

Finally, don't miss this weekend's NDA/CCH 1950s Student Showcase! Ticket information is included below. Bring your family and friends for a wonderful evening celebrating the incredible talent of our students. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you for your continued support of Notre Dame Academy and for helping us honor our mission of faith, learning, and service every day.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



Student Life

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!

MONDAY

THEME: NDA Spirit Wear (worn with uniform bottoms)
Mass celebrated with the Sisters of Notre Dame!

TUESDAY

THEME: Sisterhood Sleepover/Pajama Day
Movie played during lunch and PPT!

WEDNESDAY

THEME: Twin/Trio/Squad Day
Teacher Appreciation Day!

THURSDAY

THEME: USA Day
Show out in your best Patriotic fits!

FRIDAY

THEME: Generations Day (Fresh. = Infants, Soph. = Grade School, Juniors = Parents, Seniors = Elderly)
Chick-Fil-A lunch and Talent Show!

UPCOMING EVENTS

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Catholic Schools' Week will be celebrated nationally during the week of January 26 - February 1. Our Student Council has been working hard to determine various activities that can be held to highlight the blessings of our Catholic education. A few of the events that will occur that week are: Mass and a reception with the Sisters of Notre Dame, pajama day, Generations Day, and a rebranded Talent Show titled, "PaN-DA's Got Talent."

Due to scheduling issues, the annual Catholic Schools' Week Volleyball game with CCH will be held two Wednesdays after CSW on February 12 at 7:30 at the NDA gym.

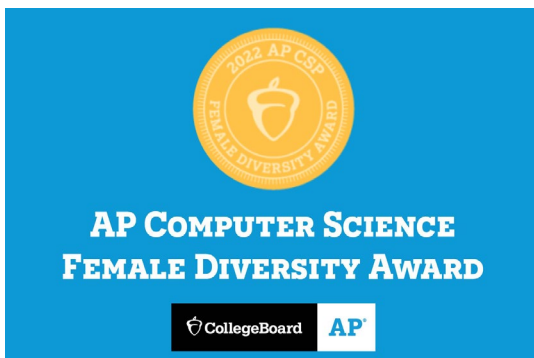
WOMEN IN STEM!

NDA EARNS AP COMPUTER SCIENCE FEMALE DIVERSITY AWARD!

Congratulations to Meghan Dooling and her AP Computer Science students for earning the prestigious AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award! Notre Dame Academy is one of only 847 schools nationwide to receive this recognition, a testament to our leadership in diversifying computer science education.

This award highlights NDA's commitment to preparing students for in-demand careers and equipping them to tackle society's most complex challenges. By fostering a strong and inclusive computer science program, NDA continues to empower young women to excel in STEM fields and make a difference in the world.

We are incredibly proud of this achievement and grateful to Mrs. Dooling for her dedication to advancing computer science education at NDA.





SCHOLASTIC ART WINNER

AMAZING ACCOMPLISHMENT

We are excited to share that Kat Heuker was recognized for her outstanding work in the Scholastic Art Contest. She won 2 sculpture honorable mentions and one printmaking silver key. Congratulations to Kat and thank you for representing NDA so well.

CONGRATULATIONS!

SCHOLASTIC WRITING AWARD WINNERS!

Notre Dame Academy is thrilled to celebrate the achievements of our talented student writers, who earned an incredible 50 awards in the prestigious Scholastic Writing Awards competition! These students have been recognized for their exceptional creativity, dedication, and ability to convey their ideas through the written word.

Here are the NDA students who received awards:

Gold Key Winners:

Anna Blair
Maya Lawrie

Silver Key Winners:

Chloe Dunham	Katherine Heuker
Hannan Dusing	Kay Mayer
Abby Turnpaugh	Abbey Hollenkamp
Angalea Wuest	Madeline Janszen
Blake Dougherty	Graycey Everett-Osborne

Honorable Mention Recipients:

Anna Blair	Riley Herald
Angalea Wuest	Frances Maier
Sarah Day	Leah Young
Molly Mast	Abbey Hollenkamp
Jazelle Stovall	Morgan Maselli
Lydia Timmerding	Isabella Johnson
Josie Stallard	Alexa McClure
Ashley Neltner	Annalise Gaffney
Josie Bozeman	Melissa Geiman
Ella Kruze	Addison Wuellner
Kaitlyn Wert	Erin Scheuerle
Hannan Dusing	Katherine Heuker
Emma White	Caroline Gollar
Ciara Carroll	Chanduni Herath
Chloe Dunham	Graycey Everett-Osborne

We are so proud of all our award recipients for their outstanding achievements. Their success reflects the vibrant creativity and hard work that define Notre Dame Academy's commitment to excellence.

Congratulations to each of our writers for this remarkable accomplishment—you inspire us all!

SCHOLASTIC WRITING AWARDS



Father Daughter

FATHER/DAUGHTER

COMING THIS SPRING....

Many are inquiring about the date for the 2025 Father / Daughter Event. The date has been chosen - March 8, 2025. It will involve dancing, food, etc. If you are interested in helping to plan this event, please reach out Lisa Timmerding at timmerdingl@ndapandas.org.

ACCESS YOUR DAUGHTER'S GRADES

FIRST SEMESTER REPORT CARDS NOW AVAILABLE

The first semester report cards were emailed on Monday. They are protected by a password that is your daughter's seven digit student number. This quarter they are sent only in this digital PDF format. An explanation of the various grades shown on the report card can be found in a document named "Report Card Grade Categories Defined" you can download from the NDA website under the Resources > PowerSchool link. <https://www.ndapandas.org/current-students/resources/powerschool>

If you need a paper copy for insurance or some other reason, or have any questions about the report card, please contact Raymond Schlosser at schlosserr@ndapandas.org or (859) 292-1846.



VOTE!
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TIME TO VOTE!

LET'S HONOR OUR ATHLETES

Please be sure to vote for our Athletes of the Week. You can vote [here!](#) Please be sure to vote from your phones and vote once every hour.

Haley Pelstring – She had games of 212 and 184 in a conference win over Lloyd.

Peyton Quinn – She was the 50-yard freestyle (26.89 seconds) and 100-yard freestyle (58.65) runner-up and swam on two second place relay teams at the NKAC Division I meet.

Thank you for helping to honor our athletes!

ATTENTION PARENTS AND STUDENTS

YEARBOOK UPDATE

NDA's 2024 yearbook, 24 hOURS has not shipped to us just yet. We apologize for this delay and will continue to work with the printer to determine when they might be delivered. Thank you in advance for your patience.





GET READY

ORANGE AND WHITE AND FLAG FOOTBALL CLUB LEAGUE!

Attention Pandas! Are you ready to gear up for some exciting football action this spring? Whether you're interested in joining Orange and White or participating in the Flag Football Club League, now is the time to get involved!

To secure your spot, make sure to fill out the [participation form](#). With games starting in mid-March, we'll be meeting and holding tryouts in the next couple of weeks. Don't wait—let's start preparing to bring our A-game!



SENIOR GRADE LEVEL INFORMATION

EXCITING EVENTS AHEAD FOR OUR GRADUATING SENIORS!

Senior year is full of unforgettable moments, and there's a fantastic lineup of events coming up for the Class of 2024-25! From special dances to graduation ceremonies, there's something for every senior to look forward to.

Check out the full list of events and details on our website at the Senior Grade Level Information Page [HERE](#).

LIVE TRAINING DATES

VIRTUS

If you are new to Virtus and need to attend a live training, here are some opportunities:

Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington, Kentucky.

- * Thursday, January 30, 2025 - 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
- * Thursday, January 30, 2025 - 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
- * Thursday, February 13, 2025 - 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
- * Wednesday, February 13, 2025 - 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
- * Wednesday, February 26, 2025 - 9:00AM - 11:30AM
- * Wednesday, February 26, 2025 - 6:00PM - 8:30PM
- * Tuesday, March 11 - 9:00AM - 11:30AM
- * Tuesday, March 11, 2025 - 6:00PM - 8:30PM
- * Wednesday, March 26, 2025 - 9:00AM - 11:30PM
- * Wednesday, March 26, 2025 - 6:00PM - 8:30PM

Diocesan Catholic Children's Home, Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky.

- * Tuesday, March 4, 2025 - 6:30PM - 9:00PM

Bishop Brossart High School, Alexandria, Kentucky.

- Wednesday, January 15, 2025 - 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Remember: To be Virtus compliant, you must read and answer the accompanying question on the monthly bulletins. You should receive an email with a link the first week of each month.



Survey Results...

AFTER PROM

SURVEY RESULTS

A link to an After Prom interest survey was in the Panda Press Weekly in December. There were 52 responses and only 12 responses expressing an interest in an After Prom event. As has been mentioned, we were working to reserve Silverlake: "The Family Place" since NKU was not available. We must have a minimum of seventy five students attend in order to make that event possible and we simply don't have the interest.

If there are other possible options that parents want to explore, we are happy to consider them, however we would also need a committee willing to help to plan and implement the event. Please contact Lisa Timmerding at timmerdingl@ndapandas.org if you have suggestions, feedback or are interested in helping. Thank you!

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

WELCOME GERMAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS NEXT FALL!

NDA is once again going to host international students from our sister school in Germany (Liebfrauenschule Vechta) for a portion of the 2025 fall semester. Four students will be experiencing the NDA Life for 9-10 weeks. The German students would love to be in the US to celebrate Halloween and Thanksgiving, so the girls would arrive in Mid-October and depart in the middle of December. These students speak English very well and are screened thoroughly by their school before they are allowed to apply for this exchange program. Please call or email Sammie Bezold, Foreign Exchange Program Coordinator, at bezolds@ndapandas.org/859-292-1884, if you would be interested in more information about this opportunity. Your reply is not a commitment but would help us to know which families would consider supporting our international student enrollment by serving as host families.



DELICIOUS NEWS!

WEEKLY LUNCH MENU

A hot lunch and salad bar will be available for purchase each day at our NDA cafeteria. You can find a menu price sheet as well as this week's lunch menu [HERE](#).

SHOP ONLINE TODAY

BAMBOOTIQUE

The Bambootique, Notre Dame Academy's official spirit wear store, is your one-stop shop for all things NDA! From cozy sweatshirts and stylish tees to accessories and gifts, the Bambootique has something for every Panda fan. Show your NDA pride at school events, games, or just around town with our wide selection of spirit wear. Stop by the Bambootique or shop online [HERE](#).

REPORTING ABSENCES

ATTENDANCE POLICY

We have an attendance email for parents to call in a sick child or if a student is leaving early from school. Please use this email if your daughter is sick or needs to leave school early: attendance@ndapandas.org. Remember you can always call the school office with any questions 859-261-4300.

PLEASE NOTE!



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Bambootique

FINE ARTS



SHINING STARS

BRAVO TO OUR NKU HONOR BAND MUSICIANS!

We are so proud of Sabrina Lemma and Audrey Rose, who showcased their incredible talents this weekend at the NKU Honor Band Symposium!

Both students earned their seats through auditions and had the opportunity to perform alongside the best high school musicians in the area. Sabrina played alto saxophone (center of the top photo), and Audrey performed on trombone (left of the bottom photo).

Thank you for representing NDA so beautifully—we are inspired by your dedication and talent!

1950s

SHOWTIME!

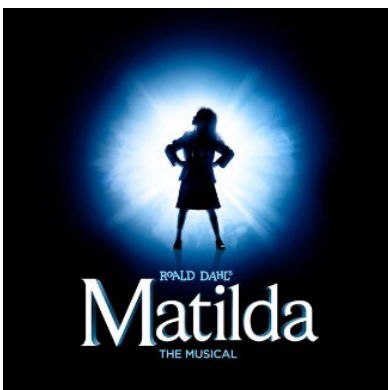
STEP BACK IN TIME WITH THE NDA/CCH 1950S STUDENT SHOWCASE!

This weekend, the NDA/CCH Theatre is bringing the 1950s to life with their exciting Student Showcase! Join us as our talented students take the stage to deliver an unforgettable performance filled with music, energy, and charm from the golden era.

Don't miss the chance to support your fellow Pandas and enjoy a fantastic show!

Get Your Tickets Here: [1950s Showcase Tickets](#)

Bring your friends and family and come celebrate the incredible talent of our students. We can't wait to see you there!



MATILDA

JOIN THE CREW!

Did you miss out on Matilda auditions but still want to be part of the magic? Now's your chance to get involved! The NDA Theatre Crew is looking for dedicated students to help bring this exciting production to life.

Sign Up Here: [Theatre Crew Sign-Up Form](#)

Deadline: Complete the form by Wednesday night at midnight.

Being part of the crew is a fantastic way to learn about theatre, make new friends, and contribute to an incredible production. Don't miss out—join the Matilda team today!

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



FROM THE DESK OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Congratulations to our Archery team on a great weekend. They scored a season high 3,192 to finish with the 3rd place trophy against some pretty stiff competition! Among high school girls individually they placed 4 in the top 15 and 9 in the top 30. They are back in action this weekend at the Summit View Academy tournament Friday and Saturday.

Bowling team finished their season after a loss to Boone High School in the KHSAA Regional Team Bowling Tournament Tuesday at Bellwood Lanes. Next up on Monday is the KHSAA Single Regional Tournament at Bellwood. We are always proud of our PaNDA's and good luck to our PaNDA's competing in the single tournament!

Basketball has had several wins this past week!. Last Friday their basketball team hosted Dupont Manual for their annual Alumni night. Both JV and Varsity won their games. Last night the team hosted Grant County and all three teams brought home wins while hosting our grade school night! The freshman basketball team won their second round Freshman Regional tournament and they will play this coming Sunday

Swimming is off this week after a great showing at the NKAC Championship this past week. The team placed third at the conference championship. Some great performances, Savannah Bien placed 1st in diving, Marissa Kent won the 500 yard free and there were several PaNDA's who placed 2nd in several events! They are back in action for the KHSAA Regional Meet with prelims onh Friday Jan. 31 and the finals on Saturday Feb. 1 at Scott HS.

Indoor Track and Field has started training and getting ready for their first meet this weekend at the Mount St. Joe's High School Invite this Friday. Let's go PaNDA's!

SAVE THE DATE!

Hall of Fame March 20, 2025

Golf Outing June 6, 2025



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

SOFTBALL TEAM SHOWS TRUE PANDA SPIRIT THROUGH SERVICE!

Notre Dame Academy's softball team recently took time out of their day off to make a difference in our community! The team spent over two hours at Be Concerned, assisting with their food pantry. They worked tirelessly unpacking donations and stocking shelves, embodying the true spirit of service and teamwork.

We are incredibly proud of these amazing young women who chose to serve others instead of sleeping in on their day off. Their commitment to making a positive impact is truly inspiring!

A special shoutout goes to Ava Auberger and Abby Turnpaugh for their outstanding senior leadership in facilitating this meaningful service opportunity. Your leadership and dedication are a testament to the strength of NDA's mission to educate young women to make a difference in the world.

Thank you to the entire team for living out the Gospel message through your actions. You've made us all proud!



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



COLLEGE REP VISITS

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

NDA COLLEGE VISIT SCHEDULE

[CLICK HERE](#) for a list of college visits specifically for NDA students/families. The visits are in the hallway outside the cafeteria. All students are welcome to visit the reps.

EXPLORY CAREER PATHWAYS WITH YOUSCIENCE

FREE VIRTUAL INFO SESSION

At Notre Dame Academy, we are excited to utilize YouScience to help our students uncover their natural talents and explore over 500 potential career paths. This innovative tool is a vital part of our mission to guide students in identifying their strengths and aligning them with future academic and career opportunities.

As scheduling for next year's classes approaches, we encourage parents to sit down with their students to review their YouScience results. This is a great opportunity to use these insights to make informed decisions about course selections that align with their aptitudes and career goals.

To learn more about YouScience and how it's transforming student planning at NDA and across Northern Kentucky schools, join a FREE virtual information session to dive deeper into its benefits and applications.

Session Details:

Date: Thursday, January 23

Time: 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual ([registration required to receive the meeting link](#))

How to Register:

Scan the QR code provided or register by 5 p.m. on January 23 to secure your spot for the session.

This is an excellent opportunity for parents to understand how YouScience works and how it can support their student's future planning. At NDA, we are proud to use this tool to empower our students to achieve success both in school and beyond.

For questions or additional information, email navigo@learning-grove.org.

FREE Virtual Info Session brought to you by



What is it & how is your student using it?

PARENTS/CAREGIVERS: Do you have a high school student or young adult trying to figure out their career and college options? Have you heard about YouScience, but aren't really sure what it is, and what it can offer? Students/young adults have the power to uncover their aptitudes and match with over 500 possible best-fit career pathways through YouScience. This is a powerful tool that can help students determine their future career goals by taking out the guess work.

Did you know that many school districts in NKY are already offering this incredible tool to students?! Join us for a **FREE virtual info session** to find out what YouScience is and how it can help your student/young adult.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23rd, 6-7:30PM

Register* by scanning the QR Code by 5pm 1/23 -->

*You must register to receive the meeting link.

Questions? Email navigo@learning-grove.org



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ADVANCING THE MISSION



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Educating Women to Make a Difference

CORPORATE PARTNER PROGRAM

JOIN THE MISSION: EMPOWER FUTURE LEADERS AT NDA

DISCOVER HOW YOUR COMPANY CAN MAKE A MEANINGFUL IMPACT THROUGH NOTRE DAME ACADEMY'S CORPORATE PARTNER PROGRAM

Did you know that your company or employer can make a lasting impact on the lives of our students by joining Notre Dame Academy's Corporate Partner Program? This unique partnership provides businesses with meaningful visibility while supporting programs that support NDA and empower our students to become competent, compassionate, and purposeful leaders. Corporate Partners are showcased at NDA's signature events, the Women Making a Difference Luncheon, the Annual Golf Outing, and Light the Night for NDA. Encourage your employer to join us in shaping the future leaders of our community!

For more information, please reach out to Myanna Webster at websterm@ndapandas.org.



You can find a complete list of community news. [HERE](#).

- St. Tim's Mission Trip
- Hero Night

Important dates

January 23	Out of Uniform for California wildfire victims
January 24	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m. Winter Sports Pep Rally
January 24, 25, 26	1950's Showcase
January 26-31	Catholic Schools Week
February 6	Sips and Stems Alumnae Event
February 7	Mid-Quarter
February 12	March for Life in Frankfort
February 17	NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day
February 18	Sophomore Retreat
March 2	Junior Retreat
March 6	Service Fair Women Making a Difference Luncheon
March 7	End of 3rd Quarter
March 14	NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day
March 22	Orange and White - SUA
April 17 - 25	NO SCHOOL - Easter Break
May 22	Last Day of School
May 23	Graduation